

2007 COUNTY FAIR UPDATE FROM SUE SHOCKLEY, FAIR MANAGER

July seems like a long time off, but the Fair will be here before we know it. Each month between now and Fair time we will have a little update in your newsletter just to keep you up to date on what's happening.

The theme has been chosen – “Summer Days and Country Ways”. The button contest has ended and the button design will be chosen at the Feb. Fair Planning meeting. Anyone who would like to vote on the button design is encouraged to stop in the Fairgrounds office and vote before Feb. 22.

Parking: Last year RV and horse trailer parking was chaotic. This year we are going to try to mitigate some of chaos. **Anyone wishing to camp at the Fairgrounds during the Fair must call the Fairgrounds office (582-3270) and reserve your spot NOW.** There are a limited number of camping spots and they will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. This year everyone with a reservation will be required to come in and park their camper on Tuesday before the Fair opens. Check-in will be at the Horse Show Office between 6 and 9 pm. If you don't come in on that day, pay your camp fee, and park your RV, your space will be forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list. There will be a flat fee of \$70 charged for the week.

We are also working on horse trailer parking and the congestion that occurred last year on check in day. If you have any suggestion we would love to hear from you. At this time, we are looking at limiting the number of horse trailers that would be allowed to remain on the grounds during the Fair to two per club. We are also looking at a one way entrance and exit on Wed. to help accommodate load in. We would like to hear your comments.

Be sure to watch for more County Fair News next month. Remember, everyone is invited to attend Fair Planning Meetings. The next one will be on Feb. 22 at 5:30 pm in the Fairgrounds Office.

Shoot the Moon - Photography Contest

Offering \$17,000 in cash prizes!

Moonlight Basin announces the first ever **Shoot the Moon Photography Contest** created to celebrate the natural beauty of Moonlight Basin, to support the photographic arts, and to promote the advancement of photographers taking part in the Moonlight Basin experience. This photo contest is open to ALL photographers at least 13 years of age with no divisions creating a level playing field for aspiring, amateur and professional photographers alike!

Photographers must enter a minimum of two images in one or more of the following categories;

Action: Skiing, riding, snowshoeing, hiking, dog sledding, etc. Capture the essence of outdoor activity at Moonlight Basin.

Family: Families come to Moonlight Basin to enjoy time together in a tremendous environment. We are looking for the essence of families interacting in truly special and unique ways.

Scenic: The raw beauty of Moonlight Basin is evident to those who visit or live here. Capture the distinctiveness of this physical landscape.

Social: People come to gather at Moonlight Basin. Friends, family, kids and adults- depict the scenes of life here at Moonlight.

Cash Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to two winning images in each category. Judges will also select one image as Overall Grand Prize. Award money of \$2,500.00 will be awarded to the winner in each category; \$500 will be awarded to the runner-up in each category. In addition, \$5,000 will be awarded to the Grand Prize winner.

For more information, go online at: <http://www.moonlightbasin.com/shootthemoon>

Manhattan Clever Clovers Community Service

The Manhattan Clever Clovers 4-H Club held a penny drive at Manhattan Elementary School, Manhattan Jr. High and Manhattan Christian Schools to raise money for the victims of the Derby and Jungle fires. Members of the club decorated jars to put in each classroom, as well as jars at some of the local Manhattan businesses. In about a week, a total of \$1,091.18 was raised for the cause. The winning classes received an ice cream party. We were very happy about the amount of money that we raised in this project.